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In re application of

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For: **METHODS OF FORMING**
  SUPERABSORBENT POLYMER
  PRODUCTS FOR USE IN
  AGRICULTURE

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AMENDMENT

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the March 17, 2005 Office action finally rejecting the pending claims, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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03 FC:2202   100.00 DA

CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS	20	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	20 minus 20=	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1 minus 3 =	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		☐

	SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐		OTHER THAN OR SMALL ENTITY	
	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE		385.00	OR BASIC FEE	770.00
	X$ 9=		OR X$18=	
	X43=		OR X86=	
	+145=		OR +290=	
TOTAL		385	OR TOTAL	

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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AMENDMENT A	(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Column 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA
Total	15	Minus	20	=
Independent	1	Minus	3	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				☐

	SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
	X$ 9=		OR	X$18=	
	X43=		OR	X86=	
	+145=		OR	+290=	
	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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AMENDMENT B	(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Column 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA
Total	24	Minus	20	= 4
Independent	6	Minus	3	= 3
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				☑

	SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
	X$ 9=	100	OR	X$18=	
	X43=	300	OR	X86=	
	+145=		OR	+290=	
	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	400	OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

AMENDMENT C	(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Column 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA
Total		Minus		=
Independent		Minus		=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				☐

	SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
	X$ 9=		OR	X$18=	
	X43=		OR	X86=	
	+145=		OR	+290=	
	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

* If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.
** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."
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The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in column 1.